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For: A METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING CASHLESS PLAY OF GAMING
DEVICES INTERCONNECTED BY A COMPUTER NETWORK

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated December 19, 2001, please amend the application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 4 and ending on page 3, line 12
with the following:

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Ethernet hub 30 connects each of the bank controllers associated with banks 16, 18, 20 of
EGMs to a concentrator 32. Another Ethernet hub 34 connects similar bank controllers (not
shown), each associated with an additional bank of EGMs (also not shown), to concentrator 32.
The concentrator functions as a data control switch to route data from each of the banks to a
translator 36. The translator comprises a compatibility buffer between the concentrator and a
proprietary accounting system 38. It functions to place all the data gathered from each of the
bank controllers into a format compatible with accounting system 38. The present embodiment
of the invention, translator 38 comprises a PENTIUM class microprocessor such as an Intel
PENTIUM 200 MHz Processor operating Microsoft WINDOWS NT 4.0.